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FISH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the fisheries production in the country during 2007-08 and 2008-09;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has created a separate board for the said purpose;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the extent to which the said board has been able to achieve its objectives so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.The Government of India is implementing various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes namely

(i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture,

(ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations,

(iii) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Training and Extension,

(iv) Strengthening of Database and Information Networking,

(v) Assistance to the fisheries based Institutes of the Department to augment the fish production in the country.It is projected to achieve the Fish production of 9.61 million tones by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12).

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir.The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) was established as registered society under the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in July 2006 with its headquarters at Hyderabad to realize the untapped potential of fisheries sector in inland and marine fish capture, culture, promotion of processing & marketing of fish, and over all growth of fisheries sector with the application of modern tools of research and development including biotechnology tools for optimizing production, productivity from fisheries. An amount of Rs.80 crore has been released to the NFDB so far.

(e): The board has so far provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs.27.30 crore to Governmental and non-Governmental agencies towards intensive aquaculture in ponds and tanks, training programmes for the farmers, stocking of fish seed in reservoirs, infrastructure development and commissioning studies in the area.Besides this, the NFDB has organized capacity building programmes for officers of the State Fisheries Departments aimed at training officials in new dimensions of fisheries management, extension and development.